

Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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Year-round Route:

- Valley Shuttle

Summer-only Routes:

- El Capitan Shuttle
- Express Shuttle

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

Legend:

- Campground
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Walk-In Campground

Map Labels: Valley Visitor Center, Yosemite Village, Yosemite Lodge, Visitor Parking, The Ahwahnee, Curry Village, North Pines, Upper Pines, Happy Isles, Vernal Fall, Mist Trail, Four Mile Trail, Sentinel Beach, Cathedral Beach, El Capitan Picnic Area, Swinging Bridge, Chapel, LeConte Memorial Lodge, Recreation Rentals, Lower River Amphitheater, Medical Clinic, Church Bowl Picnic Area, Mirror Lake seasonal.

Notes:

- A portion of the trail past Mirror Lake is closed due to rockfall. Please observe posted signs.
- Service to stops 15, 16, 17, and 18 may stop after a major snowfall.
- Glacier Point: no shuttle service closed in winter 7214 ft 2199m
- Four Mile Trail: closed in winter

Shuttle Service Information:

- The **Valley Visitor Shuttle** operates from 7 am to 10 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes depending on time of day. Overnight service available by calling 209/372-1001.
- The **El Capitan Shuttle** operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily every 30 minutes. No overnight service available.
- The **Express Shuttle** operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily every 20 minutes. No overnight service available.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1 P1	Visitor Parking	8 YARS	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2 10	Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3 YARS	The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a 21	Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5 9 E1 P2 YARS	Valley Visitor Center	13b YARS	Curry Village	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14 20	Curry Village Parking	E4	El Capitan Bridge
7 E2	Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Four Mile Trailhead

National Park Service, PO Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389

Things to Do

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your visit

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? The choice is yours, but to give you some ideas, here are some 12 popular activities for a day in Yosemite National Park.

Walk to a Waterfall

Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. (See page 17 for hiking information.)

Explore a Sequoia Grove

Meet the most massive trees on earth as you explore a giant sequoia grove. Yosemite is home to three groves—the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of sequoias, and the Tuolumne and Merced Groves, which each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)

See Sunset from Glacier Point

Glacier Point provides a superb view of Half Dome, towering more than 3,000 feet above Yosemite Valley. Witness the sunset, as it lights up the cliff face, from Glacier Point (or from other points in Yosemite Valley). Listen in on a sunset talk with a ranger at Glacier Point.

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy

“Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite... a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how curiously nature has repeated herself.” -Josiah D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and hiking trails. (See page 2 for a park map and page 3 for area information)



Bike rentals are available at the Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village. Rent one today or bring your own! See the bottom of page 4 for bicycle rental information. NPS photo by Erik Skindrud

Bring Your Yosemite Guide With You!

The list on this page offers twelve popular things to do. The table of contents (“What’s Inside...”) at lower right shows where you can turn for more information. Program listings (by area) are on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.

Drive to Olmsted Point

Take in the spectacular panoramic view from this scenic turnout on the Tioga Road: Tenaya Canyon, granite peaks and domes, and Tenaya Lake with Mt. Conness in the background. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.

Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona’s Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join “Buckshot” for a horse-drawn stage ride! These 10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite’s history and are fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other Wawona area information.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. (See area program grids on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.)

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from the Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Discover the Night Sky

Attend the “Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley” for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk (see page 4 for locations).

Go to the Theatre

Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite’s history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park’s rich history. (See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

Have Fun with the Family

Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for the Jr. Ranger Page.)

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 5 for museum hours and a list of gallery events and features.)

Emergency: Dial 911

Road (including construction information), Weather, and Park Information:
www.nps.gov/yose or 209/372-0200
Sudden changes in weather are common in the Sierra Nevada. Call the number above or check at a visitor center for the most recent weather forecast.

Access for People With Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.
For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated *Yosemite Accessibility Guide* which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm.

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.

A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Call 209/372-0296 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of at least 2 days is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, shuttle buses, or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

Cover Photo: Kolana Rock, Hetch Hetchy Area
By Clarisa Flores

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Reservations are *NOT* required to enter Yosemite. The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

Vehicle \$20
Valid for 7 days

Individual \$10
In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motor-cycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.

Yosemite Pass \$40
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10
(Lifetime)
For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime)
For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Reservations

Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
801/559-5000
www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcvb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

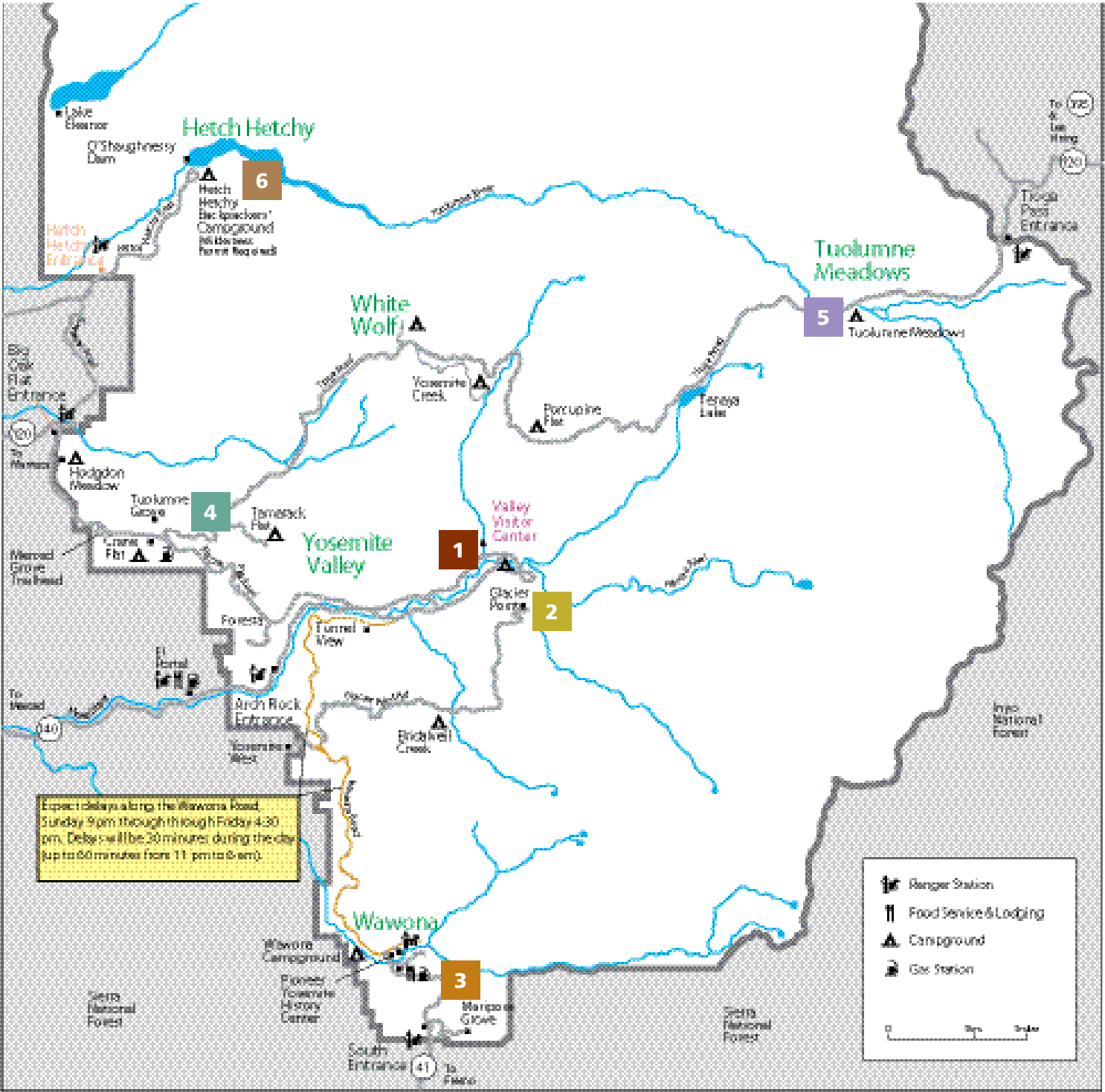
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49
Mariposa County Visitor Center
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. Glacier Point Road is usually open from late May through sometime in November. Be prepared for 30-minute construction delays (60 minutes at night) on the Wawona Road Sunday evening through Friday evening. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s South Entrance. Be prepared for 30-minute construction delays (60 minutes at night) on the Wawona Road Sunday evening through Friday evening. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

4 Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite’s habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra and the Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River, which winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



View from Glacier Point at sunset. Photo by Christine White Loberg



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding



Clouds Rest and Half Dome as seen from the Tioga Road at Olmsted Point. Photo by Victoria Mates



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by John Sun



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud

Did you know?

As early as 1882, leaders in San Francisco recognized that the mighty Sierra Nevada mountains were ideal for providing the power and water necessary to turn the city into an economic and cultural center. Hetch Hetchy valley’s pure water and narrow outlet made it perfect for a dam site. In 1906, the great San Francisco earthquake and fire devastated the city, adding urgency and public sympathy to the quest for an adequate water supply. Preservationists wanted the valley to remain untouched for its’ wilderness character. John Muir first visited the site in 1871 and considered Hetch Hetchy valley to be “one of Nature’s rarest and most precious mountain temples.” He and his followers launched a national campaign to preserve the valley. This moment in history is considered the first grassroots environmental campaign. In 1913, Congress passed the Raker Act, a law that allowed San Francisco to begin construction of a dam on the Tuolumne River to supply the city with drinking water and electricity. While the City won the battle, the debate served to awaken the nation to the conflict inherent in balancing wilderness and development, a controversy that continues today.

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world’s most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services.

Ranger Programs

Rangers give walks and talks every day about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled strolls, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook’s Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of paved bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. Bring your own or rent bikes at Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Rental stands are open from 9am to 6pm during summer months. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

Rafting

Raft rentals are available from 10am to 4pm at the Curry Village Recreation Center. Rafting is permitted on the Merced River (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel beach) from 10am to 6pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device, when conditions

permit. See page 15 for guidelines and important rafting safety information.

Tours

(Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge.)

- The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 19-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily. Or, get an in-depth view of Yosemite Valley from an expert on a three-hour **Specialty Valley Floor Tour**. Topics vary from day to day
- The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.
- The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-4386 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it’s flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).
- **Half Dome**, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

VALLEY SERVICES

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
Yosemite Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERY, BOOKS, & GIFTS

Yosemite Village
The Ansel Adams Gallery
9am to 6pm
Yosemite Art & Education Center
9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm,
Yosemite Bookstore - Visitor Center
9am to 7:30pm
Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm (may close for lunch)
Village Store Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Habitat Yosemite
10am to 5pm
Sport Shop
9am to 6pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3pm

The Ahwahnee
The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
8am to 10pm
The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Nature Shop
10am to 8pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Curry Village
Mountain Shop
8am to 8pm
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm



Top: Upper Yosemite Fall and Half Dome as seen from the Yosemite Falls Trail. *Photo by Christine White Loberg*
Above: Valley Floor Tour. *Photo by Pam Meierding*

Yosemite Valley

Where to Go & What to Do



The Heart of Yosemite National Park

The height of summer offers special opportunities for learning and adventure. Services are open longer and additional programs are available.

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9 am to 7:30 pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it.

FILM: SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE

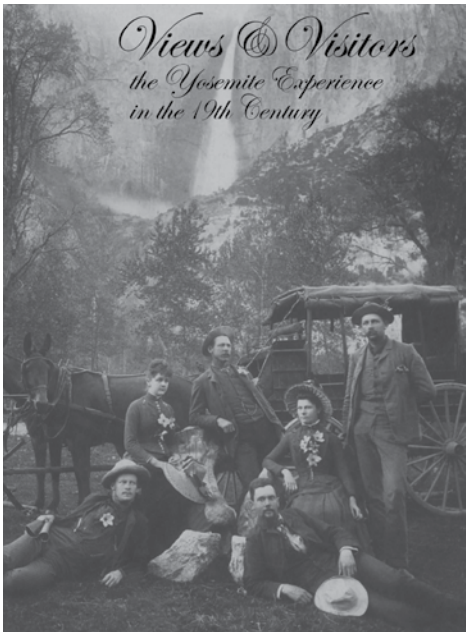
This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday between noon to 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

VIEWS & VISITORS: THE YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE IN THE 19TH CENTURY

This exhibit features paintings, prints, artifacts, and ephemera from Yosemite’s early years. Historic hotel registers and the Grand Register of the Cosmopolitan are also on view. The exhibit includes an interactive kiosk related to the Grand Register and a digital slide show of historic visitors and hotels, and is open daily from June 16 through October 31. Hours through September 30 are 10 to 4, and in October from 10-12 and 1-4. The exhibit is made possible by a grant from the Yosemite Conservancy.



INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9 am to 5 pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch. Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Wilderness Center

The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm. Visit

the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

Yosemite Art & Education Center

The Yosemite Art & Education Center offers a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four-hour art workshops Tuesday through Saturday (see pg. 6). Located south of the Village Store, the Center is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm daily.

Visitor Parking Information Station

Located in a yurt at the Yosemite Village Visitor Parking (see map on back of this Guide), this information station is open 10 am to 4 pm daily.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 9:30 am to 5 pm daily. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Internet Access

Fee-based terminals are available at Degnan’s Deli. Wireless access is offered at Yosemite Lodge (for a fee). Free access via terminals is available at the Mariposa County library, south of the Yosemite Cemetery at Yosemite Village (hours are limited).

Top right: Rangers with visitors. NPS photo by Erik Skindrud
Top center: Pine flower.
Top left: Summer fun along the Merced. Photos by Bethany Gediman

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan’s Loft noon to 9pm
Degnan’s Delicatessen
7am to 5pm
Degnan’s Cafe 11am to 6pm
Village Grill 11am to 6pm

The Ahwahnee

Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10:30am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm
Reservations recommended for all meals, required for dinner.
209/372-1489
The Ahwahnee Bar
11:30am to 11pm
Patio dining: 11:30am to 9pm

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court
Breakfast 6:30am-11am
Lunch 11:30am-2:30pm
Dinner 5:00pm to 8:30pm
(Cold selection available between meal times)
Mountain Room Lounge
4:30pm to 11pm Mon.-Fri.
Noon to 11pm Sat.-Sun.
Mountain Room Restaurant
5:30pm to 9:30pm daily
Reservations for 8 or more:
209/372-1281

Curry Village

Guest Lounge
8am to 10pm
Coffee Corner
6am to 10pm
Curry Village Bar
Noon to 10pm
Pavilion Buffet
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Pizza Deck
Noon to 10pm
Taqueria
11am to 6pm
Happy Isles Snack Stand
11am to 7pm

MEDICAL & DENTAL

Yosemite Medical Clinic

Emergency care: 24 hours daily.
Drop-in and urgent care: 8am to 7pm. Appointments: 8am to 5pm, M-F. (Also: Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence.) Located on Ahwahnee Drive. 209/372-4637.

Dental Services

Located next to the Medical Clinic
209/372-4200 or 209/372-4637.

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

August 4 - September 7, 2010



A DNC Interpreter engages young park visitors during a Wee Wild Ones program.
Photo courtesy of DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite.

Outdoor Adventures and Custom Adventures

For more on Yosemite Conservancy’s field seminars, pick up a catalog at any park visitor center, call 209/379-2321, or visit www.yosemite.org. The Conservancy also offers individualized Custom Adventures for groups and families. Call ahead at least two weeks to arrange your own naturalist guide who will meet your interests and schedule.

August 4-8	Alpine Botany Backpack In partnership with Jepson Herbarium	August 20-22	Miwok-Paiute Basketry 2 An ancient art in Tuolumne Meadows
August 5-8	Vogelsang Backpack Trek With author Suzanne Swedo	August 28	A Mystery Peak in Tuolumne An alpine adventure with Michael Ross
August 6-8	High Country Photography Veteran Howard Weamer at the crest	August 29	Tuolumne Meadows Birding Michael Ross and subalpine avian life
August 6-7	Stars Over the High Country Rich Combs and the clearest night sky	September 4	Clouds Rest Day Hike Suzanne Swedo and Half Dome’s big cousin
August 13-15	Tuolumne Meadows en Plein Air Chuck Waldman painting afield	September 5	Nelson Lake Day Hike Off-trail into the Cathedral Range
August 15-21	Advanced Backpack: The Clark Range Ranger Dick Ewart goes wild	September 6	Tenaya Peak Climb Guidebook author Suzanne Swedo shows

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite

HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY) Join Yosemite Resources Management and Science staff for a stewardship project. Help preserve and protect native habitat in Yosemite and learn about the park’s resources management program. Help keep Yosemite’s ecosystem healthy and intact for the enjoyment of future generations! Volunteers must wear long-sleeves, long pants, and sturdy shoes or boots. Wearing hat, sunscreen & sunglasses and bringing water to drink is also highly suggested. Gloves and tools will be provided. 209/ 379-1850.

Yosemite Mountaineering School

The Yosemite Mountaineering Schol (YMS) offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344.

Art Workshops

The Yosemite Art & Education Center (YEAC) offers art workshops from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Register for classes in advance: 209/372-1442 (suggested donation of \$5, supplies extra). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared to work outdoors.

August 3-7	John McClary	Discovering Yosemite with Pen and Watercolor
August 10-14	David Deyell	Playing with Watercolor
August 17-21	Bob Magneson	Drawing What You See
August 24-28	Alan Dawes	Capturing Your Yosemite Experience
August 31-September 4	Osamu Saito	Yosemite Experience with Watercolor
September 7-September 11	Doug Castleman	Outdoors with Watercolor

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8:00 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH Valley Chapel, Sunday 9:15am, 11am, & 6:30pm; Thurs- day 7pm; ACMNP Campground Services 9:00 A.M. Lower Pines Campground; Various Bible Studies during the week call for times and locations. 209-372-4831 ROMAN CATHOLIC Mass: Saturday, 6 pm at Lower Pines Amphitheater; Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Wednesday & Friday, 6:30 pm, 9006 Cedar Ct. in Yosemite Village, 209/372-4729. CHURCH OF CHRIST El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am Info: 209/379-2100 SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday 9:45 am Music/Sabbath School, 11am Worship, 12:30 pm potluck 209/586-4325	LATTER DAY-SAINTS Wednesday & Friday, 6:30 pm, 9006 Cedar Ct. in Yosemite Village, 209/372-4729. Memorial Day - Labor Day. Yosemite Chapel. A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS 9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds. SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village. LIONS CLUB First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL Thursday at noon at The Ahwahnee. Reservations / information: 209/372-8459.
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Sunday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 9:00am CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) free Discovery Hike- Vernal Falls Bridge 3½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$ 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
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Tuesday	8:30am Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 9:30am Adventure Hike- Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$ 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Art Workshop 4 hrs. See schedule of Artists, page 6. (YAEC) 11:00am CHILDREN’S PHOTO WALK 1hr. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)
Wednesday	9:00am HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HAPY) 3 hrs. Volunteer project. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. (NPS) Bike to Hike Tour 2½ hrs. Curry Village bike stand Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$ 10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. See schedule of Artists page 6 (YAEC)
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NPS	National Park Service		Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
DNC	DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.		
AAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery		A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/ 372-0296 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.
AAC	American Alpine Club		
APN	American Park Network		
SC	Sierra Club		
YAEC	Yosemite Art Education Center		
YC	Yosemite Conservancy		Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.
YMS	Yosemite Mountaineering School		
\$	Programs offered for a fee		

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AFTERNOON		EVENING
Sunday	<p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK-BEARS 1½ hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. Recommended ages 7-13 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>The Story Within The Stone 2½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Stroll –Yosemite’s Legacy 1½ hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater; shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC) free</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) WEE WILD ONES (August 8 & 29 only) 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 Yosemite Theatre: This is America. A film by Ken Burns about diverse National Park pioneers. (August 8 and 29 only) Followed by discussion with Ranger Shelton Johnson. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theatre (YA) \$ Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904 (August 15 and September 5 only)Starring Ranger Shelton Johnson. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>7:30pm LeConte Memorial Lodge Open House (September 5 only) 1½ hrs. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm LeConte Memorial Lodge Evening Program1 hr. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) August 8: John Muir & The Big Trees August 15: Search & Rescue in Yosemite August 22: Yosemite’s Sister Parks in China August 29: Search & Rescue in Yosemite</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Evening Program1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Evening Program1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </p>
Monday	<p>1:00pm Discovery Hike- Columbia Rock 3½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Stage Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$</p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK-GEOLOGY 1½ hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16.Recommended age 7-13 (NPS) BEGINNER’S WATERCOLOR CLASS ages 8-12 1 ½ hrs.(supplies cost \$10). (YAE)</p> <p>2:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1 ½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) free </p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) FAMILY STROLL1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Vintage Songs of Yosemite 1½ hrs. Yosemite entertainer Tom Bopp performs live to historic images and films. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theatre (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </p>
Tuesday	<p>12:00pm Yosemite Forum: The Hydroecology and Restoration of Meadows in the Sierra Nevada Dr. Steven Loheide (U of Wisconsin)1 hr. Yosemite Valley Auditorium (NPS)</p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK-WATER ½ hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. Recommended ages 7-13 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) “Using your Digital Camera” Class 4 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adam Gallery (AAG) \$.</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Stroll – Geology 1 ½ hours, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 Yosemite Theater LIVE: Conversations With a Tramp: An Evening With John Muir 1½ hrs. A live performance featuring Lee Stetson. Visitor Center Theater. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theatre (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Evening Program1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </p>
Wednesday	<p>1:00pm Discovery Hike- Vernal Falls Bridge 3½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$ Open House (August 25 only) 3 hrs. Come learn about park improvement efforts. Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) </p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK-TREES Except August 4)1½ hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. Recommended ages 7-13 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Meet Your Yosemite (Except August 4) 15 min talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)&</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Stroll – Bears (Except August 4) 1 ½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Fine Print Tour 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite (Except August 4) 15 min talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) WEE WILD ONES (except August 11 & Sept. 1) 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (Except August 4)1 hr.Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 Yosemite Theater LIVE: John Muir Among the Animals 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater. A live performance featuring Lee Stetson Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk.. Valley Visitor Center Theatre (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program (Except August 4) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </p>
Thursday	<p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK-CLIMATE CHANGE 1½ hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. Recommended ages 7-13 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center The Story Within The Stone 2½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$ “In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams: Seeing Artistically With Your Camera” 4 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Stroll – Trees The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater; shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC) free</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll (except Sept. 2) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) WEE WILD ONES (except Sept. 2) 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) FAMILY STROLL (except Sept. 2) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 Yosemite Theater LIVE: The Spirit of John Muir 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater. A live performance featuring Lee Stetson. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theatre (YC) \$. No performance August 5 or 19.</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Evening Program1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except Sept. 2) 1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </p>
Friday	<p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK-WILDLIFE 1½ hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. Recommended ages 7-13 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center </p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1 ½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater; shuttle stop #12, across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC) free</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) FAMILY STROLL 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 Yosemite Theatre: Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey 1½ hrs. Followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00 pm LeConte Memorial Lodge Evening Program 1hr. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) August 6: AMERICAN INDIAN STORYTELLING AND FLUTE August 13: Meet Galen Clark: Guardian of Yosemite August 20: ALONG THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL: NARRATED HIKING VIDEO August 27: Angels in the Wilderness: Surviving Fall in Kings Canyon September 3: John Muir Around the World</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Film: Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) </p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </p>
Saturday	<p>1:00pm Discovery Hike – Four Mile Trail to Union Point 3½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Stage. Tickets/info at any tour desk (YMS) \$</p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK-AHWAHNEECHEE 1½ hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. Recommended ages 7-13 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center “Using your Digital Camera” Class 4 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1 ½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. Short talk about a Yosemite topic. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) free, CHILDREN’S STORY TIME ½ hr. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) Artist Reception: Welcome John Sexton (August 21 only) 2 hrs. The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</p>	<p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) WEE WILD ONES (except August 7) 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 Yosemite Theatre: Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey 1½ hrs. Followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center (9am-7:30pm) or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00 pm LeConte Memorial Lodge Evening Program 1hr. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) August 7: Search & Rescue in Yosemite August 14: New Tools for Understanding & Mitigating Rockfall Hazards in Yosemite National Park August 21: ACROSS THE RANGE: HIKE FROM SEQUOIA TO MT.WHITNEY:HIKING VIDEO August 28: Gold Rush Women: Voices from the Past September 4: John Muir & the Animal Kingdom</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Evening Program1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC/AAC) Lecture (August 21 only) photographer John Sexton. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </p>

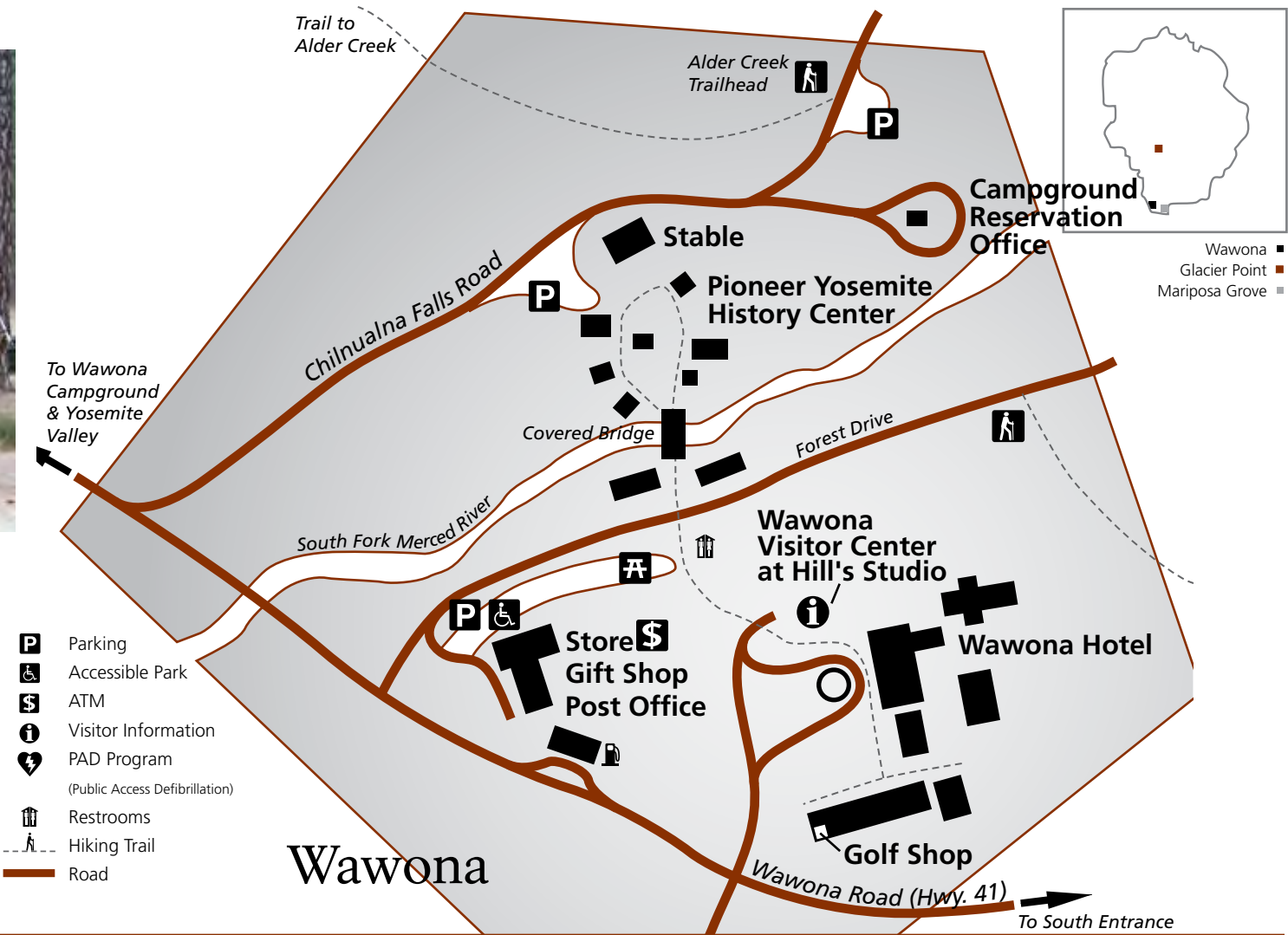
Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Horse-drawn stage ride with Burl “Buckshot” Maier
NPS photo by Susan Michael

Explore History Discover Giant Trees Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer unique opportunities to visit historic and natural landmarks.



Wawona & the Mariposa Grove

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm, the visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. 209/375-9531.

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or get other questions answered. See page 9, at right, for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs

Join a ranger around a campfire for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary nightly. See page 9, at right, for dates, times, and locations.

Evening Programs at the Wawona Hotel

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week,

he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite, or on the history of Wawona, with slide or music accompaniment.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The history center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

Live Demonstrations

See page 9, at right, for dates and times.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$4/ adults and \$3/child (ages 3-12).

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

Blacksmithing demonstrations can be seen at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00am – 1:00pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 large mature sequoias. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for people with disabilities is available at the tram boarding area.

Getting to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1 ¼ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The road may close due to limited parking, so use the free shuttle.

Please see pg. 3 or call 209/372-0200 for important road construction information. Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour.

Please use this free shuttle service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Mariposa Grove Ranger Walks

Rangers lead walks among the giant sequoias, explaining their natural history and historical importance. (See page 9 for schedule.)

Big Trees Tram Tour

A 1 ¼-hr. tram tour of the grove is available 9 am to 5 pm. This audio tour is available in five languages and for the visually impaired. Call 209/375-1621 or stop at a tour desk for more information.

Mariposa Grove Museum & Trails

Open 10 am to 4 pm daily. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias, and a small bookstore.

The trail to the Grizzly Giant has new interpretive signs that provide a self-guiding tour. Information is available in Spanish, German, French and Japanese.

Dogs or bikes are not allowed on trails and roads in the Mariposa Grove.

Shuttle Service to Yosemite Valley

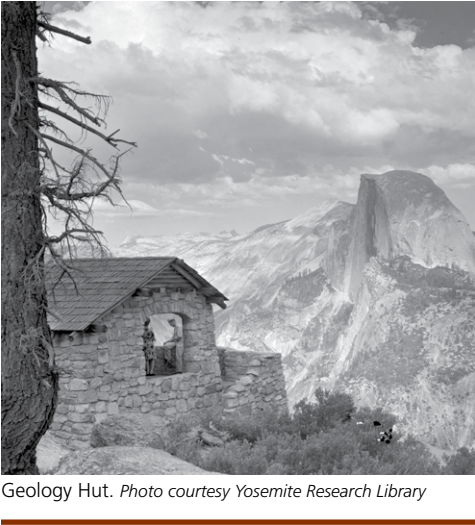
FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN WAWONA AND YOSEMITE VALLEY

The bus departs daily from the Wawona Hotel at 8:30 am and from the Wawona Store at 8:35 am. The return trip departs from Yosemite Lodge at 3:30 pm.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Mule or horse rides begin at the Wawona Stable (see map above). Open 7:30 am to 5 pm daily. 209/375-6502.

Wawona Stable will be closing for the season on September 6, 2010.



Geology Hut. *Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library*

Glacier Point

Enjoy breathtaking scenery and experience life on the edge.

Approximately an hour’s drive from either Yosemite Valley or the Park’s South Entrance, Glacier Point offers stunning views up the Merced River Canyon past Vernal and Nevada Falls and across the High Sierra. Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening evening shadows and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona
Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Late lunch: 1:30pm-4:30pm (limited menu)
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm
Golf Shop & Snack Stand
8am to 6pm when golf course is open
Glacier Point
Snack Stand
9am to 4pm

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona
Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop
8am to 8pm
Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio (Information and Books)
8:30am to 5pm
Glacier Point
Gift Shop
9am to 6pm
Mariposa Grove
Mariposa Grove Museum
10am to 4pm
Big Trees Gift Shop
9am to 6pm

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office
Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Wawona Gas Station
8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

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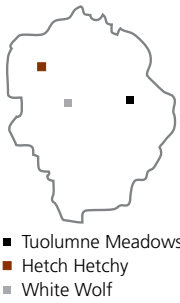
Wawona Hotel Golf Course
8am-6pm Weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 10:00am –Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$ 10:00am –1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 3:00pm Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)	2:00pm A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1 1/2 hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 29 and September 5 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except August 29 and September 5) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS)
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Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1 ½ hrs. Wawona Campground Amphitheater Especially for kids 7-13 (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 10:00am –Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$ 10:00am –1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 1:00pm A Glimpse of the Wawona Miwok Indians (August 14 & Sept. 4 only) 1 hr. Meet at Mountaineer’s Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/ singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) 7:30pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)	2:00pm Ranger Walk-Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 28 and September 4 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except August 28 and September 4) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:15pm Stars Over Yosemite (Except August 28) Astronomy club and telescope viewing. Glacier Point Amphitheatre (NPS)Free

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for **CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

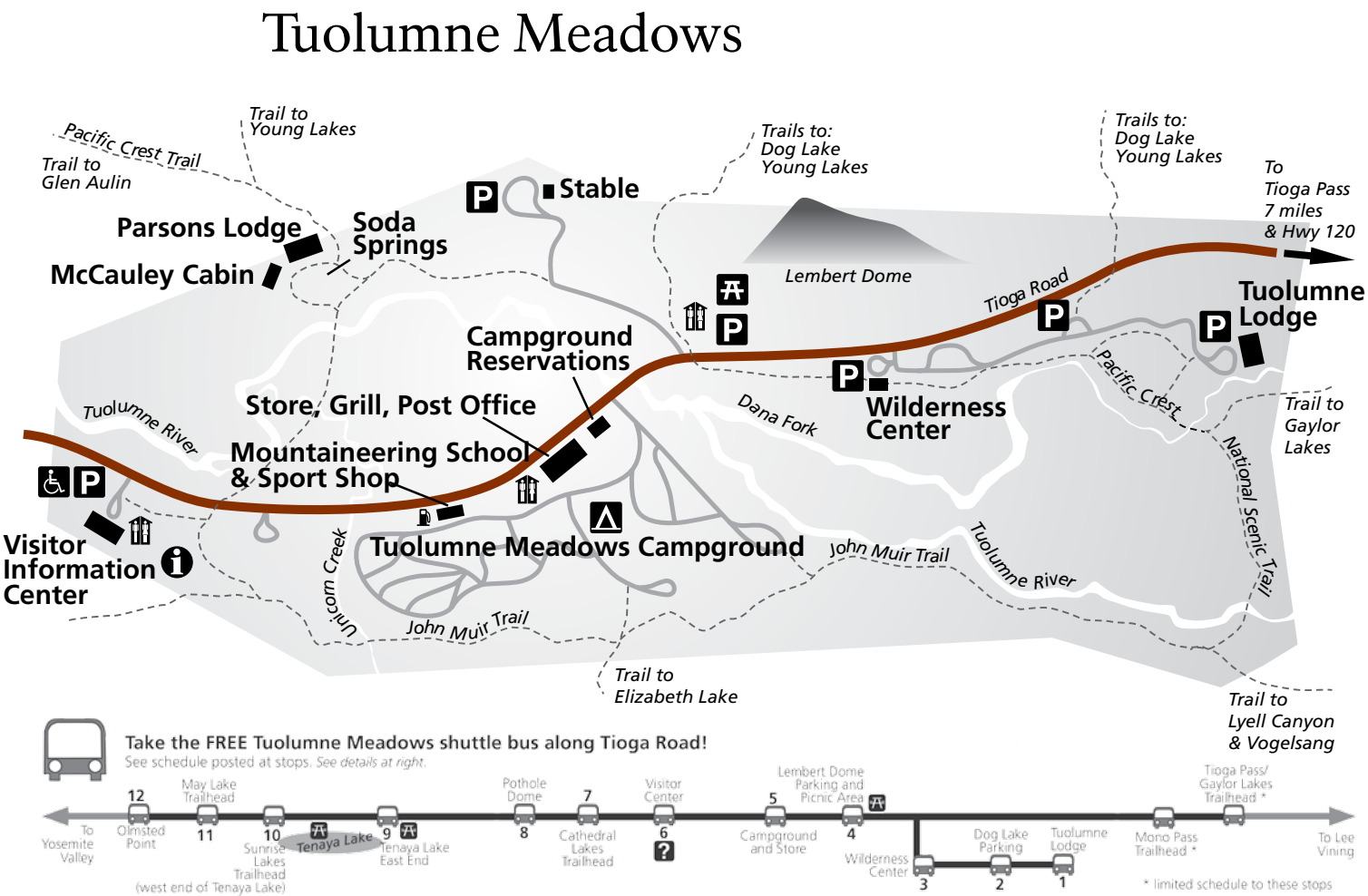
Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat

- Parking
- Accessible Parking
- ATM
- Visitor Information
- PAD Program (Public Access Defibrillation)
- Restrooms
- Hiking Trail
- Road



High Sierra Peaks and Quiet Corners of the Park

These areas offer amazing vistas and opportunities for solitude.



Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9 am to 6 pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10 am to 4 pm. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy. On Friday, end your day with a Music Walk. This easy stroll will inspire and delight.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End

your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

All programs, unless otherwise noted, begin at 2 pm and last about an hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, August 7 Frogs: The Thin Green Line 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Documentary film followed by an update and discussion with Roland Knapp, Research Biologist, Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab

Sunday, August 8 Between Earth and Sky: Our Intimate Connections to Trees 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Slide presentation and discussion with Nalini Nadkarni, Forest Ecologist, The Evergreen State College

Saturday, August 14 Exposure: The Mountaineering Times of Ruth Dyar Mendenhall Slide presentation and reading by Valerie Mendenhall Cohen from her book about her mother, Woman on the Rocks: The Mountaineering Letters of Ruth Dyar Mendenhall

Crow and Weasel 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Play adapted by Jim Leonard, Jr. from a story by Barry Lopez Directed by Audrey Davis and

performed by Yosemite community members

Sunday, August 15 A Wild Ride: Planning for the Tuolumne River 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Slide presentation and discussion with Kristina Rylands, NPS Wild and Scenic River Planner, Yosemite National Park

Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22 14th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music. Poets Bob Hicok, Lisa Starr, and Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon Musician Shira Kammen, violin and vielle

Saturday, August 21 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Poetry of Place Poetry workshop with Lisa Starr 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open reading and music

Sunday, August 22 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Adventures in the Poetic Wilderness Poetry workshop with Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music

This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Mule or horse rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows Stable (see map above). Open 7:30 am to 5 pm daily 209/372-8427.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books, and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, and backpacking information.

Merced Grove

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trail is marked by a sign and post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. The path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
8am to 5pm
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 9am
Dinner: 5:50pm to 8pm
Meals are served family style, and reservations are required.
Call 209/372-8413

White Wolf
White Wolf Lodge
Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am
Take-out Lunch: noon to 2pm
Dinner: 6pm to 8pm
Reservations recommended.
Call 209/372-8416.

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows
Store
8am to 8pm
Crane Flat
Store
8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows
Mountaineering School and Sport Shop
8:30am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 8pm
Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
8am to 4:30pm daily

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows
Post Office
Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 1pm

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows
9am to 5pm
Gas and propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat
8am to 8pm
Diesel & propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass
Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at the Lodge at 7 am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7 am and 7 pm. The last shuttle leaves Olmsted Point at 6 pm. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle stops for details.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT HODGDON MEADOW HETCH HETCHY
		Check local postings	Check local postings
Sunday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Hike—Lembert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Poetry Workshop—Adventures in the Poetic Wilderness (August 22 only) 1 1/2 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (except August 29 and September 5) 1-3 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 4:00pm Poetry Walk with Jay Leeming (August 29 and September 5 only) 1 1/2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle. Bring your own mug. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	1:00pm Giant Sequoias 1½ hrs. Meet a ranger in the Tuolumne Grove for answers to your sequoia questions (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)
Monday	7:30am Photographing Tuolumne Meadows (August 9 only) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center porch (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows (except August 23) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) Sketching Along the River (except September 6) 4 hrs. Adults and children over 12 yrs. old. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Sign up in advance at Campground Reservation Office 209/372-4025. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears and Other Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:00pm Stars Over Mono 1 1/2 hrs. Meet at South Tufa kiosk at Mono Lake. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:00pm Starry, Starry Night 1 hr. Dress warmly and bring something to sit on. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS)	6:45pm Twilight Stroll 1½ hrs. Hodgdon Meadow Group Campground (NPS)
Tuesday	9:00am Ranger Hike—Glen Aulin 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 12 miles. Meet at Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am Botanical Walk with Cathy Rose (NPS) August 10 and 17: Dana Gardens 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. August 24: Gaylor Ridge 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. August 31: Bennettville Mine 4 hrs. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch and raingear. 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 7:00pm Ranger Walk—Sunset 3/4 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 45 min. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	10:00am Ranger Hike – Hetch Hetchy 1½ hrs. Moderate hike with beautiful views. Bring water. O’Shaughnessy Dam (NPS)
Wednesday	7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds (except August 4) 2 1/2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 10:00am DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (except August 4) 50 minutes Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) Ranger Walk—Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (except August 4) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) Poetry Walk with Jay Leeming (August 25 and September 1 only) 1 1/2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except August 4) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 1:30pm Ranger Walk—Along the Tuolumne River (except August 4) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (except August 4) 3/4 hr. Conness Circle Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire (except August 4) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars (except August 4) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:30am Ranger Walk – Bears and Other Wildlife (except August 4) 2 hrs. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS) 6:45pm Twilight Stroll (except August 4) 1½ hrs. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS)	7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (except August 4) 45 min. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)
Thursday	9:15am Ranger Hike—Gaylor Lakes Basin (except September 2) 5-6 hrs. Strenuous 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and raingear (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—History of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bennettville Exploration 2 1/2 hrs. Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:30am Ranger Stroll – Wildflowers (except August 26 and September 2) 1½ hrs. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS) 9:00pm Night Prowl 1 hr. White Wolf area. Explore nature after dark. Sign up in advance by calling 209/379-1899 (NPS)	10:00am Ranger Hike – Hetch Hetchy (except August 26 & September 2) 1½ hrs. Bring water. O’Shaughnessy Dam(NPS) 9:00pm Starry, Starry Night 1¼ hrs. Crane Flat area Limited to 30 people Sign-up in advance by calling 209/379-1899(NPS)
Friday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except September 3) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2.(NPS) Sketching Along the River (except September 3) 4 hrs. Adults and children over 12 yrs. old. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Sign up in advance at Campground Reservation Office 209/372-4025. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—The Secret Life of Plants 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area(NPS) 6:30pm Ranger Walk—Music and Mountains 1 1/4 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area(NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	2:00pm History & the Big Trees 1½ hrs. Meet in the Merced Grove of Giant Sequoias for answers to your questions (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)
Saturday	7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds 2 1/2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available(NPS) 9:15am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am SKETCHING ALONG THE RIVER FOR KIDS (except September 4) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Sign up in advance at Campground Reservation Office 209/372-4025. (NPS) JUNIOR RANGER WALK (September 4 only) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) Poetry Workshop—Poetry of Place (August 21 only) 1 1/2 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (except August 28 and September 4) 1-3 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 7:30pm Parsons Summer Series Program (August 14 and 21 only) 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)

Become a Junior Ranger



Ages 3 and up can earn a badge by exploring the park

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge*.
With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

- 1. Write the name of the trail you walked. _____
- 2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: _____

I hear: _____

I smell: _____

I touch: _____

Draw a picture of something you saw along the trail.

- 3. Learn to “leave no trace.” If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Be sure to recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.
- 4. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _____

- 5. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

- 6. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

- 7. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge*.

**Junior Ranger Booklets can be purchased at any park bookstore. Please inquire at a visitor center for additional copies of this page.*

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see the animal below, try to draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Marmot



Coyote



Clark's nutcracker



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel



Mule deer

Illustrations by Tom Whitworth

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Keeping Bears Wild

(While protecting yourself and your property)

Keep Yosemite’s Black Bears Wild and Alive:

1. Store Your Food Properly.

(See table below for details.)

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that’s the typical daily diet of most bears. It’s a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

2. If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If

you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

3. Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Bear canisters are available for \$5 per trip at the Valley Wilderness Center, the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters can be rented and retuned at any of these locations.

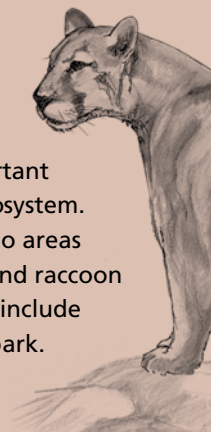
Report Bear Sightings!

To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously.

For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park’s website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Never leave unattended food strapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.

Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion? Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don’t run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

How to Store Food

“Food” includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food inside your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.	Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

Note: Improper food storage may result in impoundment of your food or vehicle, a fine of up to \$5,000, and/or revocation of camping permit. Following these regulations and precautions decreases the chance of personal injury or property damage. However, bear damage and confrontations are still possible, even when all the regulations and guidelines are followed.



Protect Yourself...



Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

To address safety concerns related to increased crowding on the Half Dome cables, the National Park Service has instituted an interim permit system for 2010 and 2011. The system limits the number of people using the cables to about 400 people per day and is in effect on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays when the cables are up (until October 11 in 2010). A permit is not required to day-hike to Half Dome on other days.

Backpackers with an appropriate wilderness permit can receive a Half Dome permit when they pick up their wilderness permit. **Rock climbers** who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area can descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit.

No more permits are available for August or September 2010. Permits are also not available in the park or on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can find more information at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite’s roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely out of traffic lanes, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

Bring Water

Avoid dehydration and heat exhaustion by carrying and drinking plenty of water. Filters or other treatment methods are essential. (See “Water Quality” at right.)

Hiking, Backpacking, Rock Climbing, and Scrambling

- Be honest about your abilities and plan with the least experienced member of your group in mind. Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back. Carry a signal mirror and whistle. Solo activities require increased precautions.
- Stay on designated trails and routes. Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
- Avoid scrambling in steep terrain or off-trail. If new to climbing, take a class to learn critical safety and protection techniques. Never climb alone.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.

- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Don’t depend on cell phone or GPS reception for your safety.

Protect Yosemite’s Wilderness

The Yosemite Wilderness provides outstanding opportunities for solitude in a beautiful setting.

In order to avoid overcrowding and reduce impacts, a trailhead quota system limits the number of backpackers entering each trailhead each day.

Of the daily quota for a trailhead, 60% can be reserved ahead of time, while 40% is available on a first-come, first-served basis one day prior to, or the same day as, the beginning of the hike.

- Free wilderness permits are required for all wilderness trips.
- Pack out all trash and toilet paper/sanitary products.
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- Use gas stoves, not wood fires.
- Camp in an existing campsite at least 100 feet from water and trail. You must camp four trail miles from any populated area and one mile from any road.
- To minimize trampling of vegetation, bring a container to carry water to your camp from lakes or streams.
- Maximum group is 15 people for on-trail and eight for off-trail travel.

Wilderness Permits

Free permits are required for overnight trips. Permits are issued at Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station (opening times vary). You can reserve permits, but they must be picked up in person. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740 to reserve a permit.

More Information

www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm

Leave No Trace: www.lnt.org
Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue: www.friendofyosar.org



Colorful western tanagers are frequent summer visitors to Yosemite Valley from Mexico and Central America. Illustration by Lauren Hamilton.

...and Yosemite

The Water Ways

Not long ago, many areas along the Merced River showed signs of human trampling. Now, because of the careful actions of park staff and visitors, many of these areas have been restored to more natural conditions. The plants, birds, insects, and animals that depend on living in or near the water have been able to return to these once barren areas. You can help continue this progress by entering and exiting the river at designated launch and removal points. Packing out what you pack in will also help keep the river free from trash and prevent animals from swallowing harmful plastic or aluminum.

Please observe the following safety tips to protect Yosemite’s river and lakeshore habitats and to safely enjoy water activities throughout the park.

Swimming

Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.

- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

River Crossings

In summer, rivers and creeks swollen by runoff from snowmelt are dangerous.

- Stay away from river and creek banks during high water conditions and avoid rock hopping. Stream-polished rocks along the water’s edge are slippery when wet or dry.
- If you choose to cross a stream without a bridge, avoid places where the water is either swift or over your knees. Use a stick or pole for balance and try to cross where there is a gravel bottom. Crossing on a natural bridge of rocks or logs can be surprisingly slippery. Consider where you will land

if you fall. Never cross above rapids or falls. To prevent being pulled under by the weight of your pack, unbuckle the waist strap so you can shed it if you fall in. Do not tie yourself into safety ropes—they can drown you.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking.

- Treatment methods include boiling for three minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier.
- To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and wash hands with soap and water. .

Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite’s changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. Even in summer, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip into the 30s (Fahrenheit) at night, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100° F. during the day.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.



Upper Yosemite Fall in springtime. NPS Photo

Pets

Kennel (open 8 am to 4 pm daily) is located at the Yosemite Valley Stable, should you need a place to board your dog (call 209/372-8348).

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Fahrenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.

- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Camping

Planning your camping experience



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Information

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33"d x 45"w x 18"h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

A primitive overnight experience

There are 13 popular campgrounds in Yosemite National Park. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through October for campsites in Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows and Crane Flat. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

of the opening period.

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Hours:

7 am to 7 pm Pacific time
(November through February)

7 am to 9 pm Pacific time
(March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are

not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2010 (ESTIMATED)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15 - Nov 30	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	March 24 – Nov 2	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	March 26 – Oct 12	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 1 – Sep 27	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	July 1 – TBD	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 1 – Oct 12	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	July 1– Oct 12	35 ft	27 ft	50%	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	July – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	July – Sep 13	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	July – TBD	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	July 1 – Sep 27	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

Hiking

Discover an easy stroll or a challenging hike



Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free, day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome Permit required to hike to the top of Half Dome Fridays-Sundays and holidays!	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10–12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5–7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Chilnualna Falls Trail	Parking 2 mi. up Chilnualna Falls Rd.	8.2 miles round-trip, 5 hours	Strenuous 2,400-foot gain
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

¹These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus. Additionally, the Tuolumne Meadows free shuttle serves all Tuolumne Meadows hikes listed above.

Self-Guiding Trails

A Changing Yosemite
This one-mile-long walk through Cook’s Meadow explores both natural and cultural stories of Yosemite. Brochure available at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Giant Sequoias
Two self-guiding trails in the Mariposa Grove, and one in the Tuolumne Grove, interpret the natural history and ecological dynamics of the giant sequoia community.

Mirror Lake
Mirror Lake interpretive trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, American Indian use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk one mile from shuttle stop #17 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.

Indian Village
This short loop winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum.

Curry Village
The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

Masthead: Hikers. *Illustration by Lawrence W. Duke*

Top Left: Hikers. *Photo by Bob Roney*

Top Right: Hikers. *Photo by Bob Roney*

Feature Story

150 Years of Visitor Services in Yosemite National Park

By Meghan Hicks, Interpreter, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite

Yosemite National Park, established in 1890, has a fascinating visitor services history that pre-dates its national park status. The first confirmed tourist party, guided by local businessman James Hutchings, entered by horseback into Yosemite Valley during the summer of 1855. Hutchings brought camping and eating provisions so that the party could camp for several days near the base of Lower Yosemite Fall.



James Hutchings pioneered service to Yosemite Valley visitors in 1855 when he brought two men on a horseback camping trip to Yosemite Valley.

Word traveled swiftly that Yosemite Valley harbored tremendous scenery and exploration opportunities. To meet these growing interests, the Lower Hotel, Yosemite Valley’s first permanent structure for visitor sleeping accommodations and food, was hastily erected in 1856 at the base of Sentinel Rock. The same year, local miner and explorer Galen Clark constructed a cabin in the Wawona area. Clark’s cabin, intended to be his home, became instead an unintentional overnight stop for visitors traveling to and from Yosemite Valley. A few years later, it garnered an official name, Clark’s Station, and began in earnest the business of serving visitors.

1873 was a landmark year for visitor services in Yosemite Valley with the opening of the Cosmopolitan, the valley’s first bath house. Imagine the joy you might have felt that year to have a bath after days of dusty wilderness travel! If you love baked goods, you would have also enjoyed an 1884 encounter with John and Bridget Degnan. That year, these Yosemite Valley settlers established a store and bakery to feed the valley’s growing visitor population. You can still enjoy food and drink

today at the modern incarnation of the Degnan family business in Yosemite Village.

Curry Village

In 1899, under the shadow of Glacier Point in Yosemite Valley’s east end, David and Jenny Curry opened an opportunity for “a good bed and clean napkin with every meal,” as well as nightly



John Degnan, co-proprietor of a store and bakery that opened in 1884 in Yosemite Valley, enjoys a Yosemite winter on wooden skis.

entertainment and family hospitality. Camp Curry was their family-run camp, and Yosemite visitors loved it! It grew in both popularity and size from its original seven-tent camp, with each year yielding improvements that included more tents, offices, a post office, cabins, a dance pavilion, a soda fountain, and a gas station. On hot summer days, the most popular Camp Curry feature was the swim tank! Today, the name is slightly different, but Curry Village still offers many of the camp’s original family traditions.

The Ahwahnee

Following the creation of the National Park Service in 1916, National Park Service Director Stephen Mather embarked on an aggressive campaign to increase support and funding for the national parks. He sought to upgrade visitor services in national parks, including Yosemite’s, saying:

“Scenery is a hollow enjoyment to the tourist who sets out in the morning after an indigestible breakfast and a fitful night’s sleep on an impossible bed.”

The Ahwahnee stands today because of this campaign, as Mather directed the construction of a first-class Yosemite National Park hotel that would attract influential visitors. He endeavored to create a comfortable space that would allow these visitors to fall in love with and, thus, provide support for Yosemite. Mather’s dream was realized on July 14, 1927 with The Ahwahnee’s opening.



The naturally occurring cavity in the Wawona Tree was enlarged in 1881 to help entice tourists to visit the area and was billed as the most photographed tree in the world. The tree fell in the storms of 1968-69.

Modern visitor services

Delaware North Companies Parks and Resorts at Yosemite is Yosemite National Park’s chief concessioner, and has been since 1993. This concessioner currently provides most of the park’s lodging, dining, and retail facilities as well as some of the park’s recreation and educational opportunities.

Some visitors arrive in Yosemite with a car stuffed full of vacation provisions, while others choose to bring simply the bare necessities to enhance their Yosemite experience. Either way, for the past 150 years, park visitors have been able to rely on the services offered by the park’s concessioners for everything from a quick bite to eat to a planned multiple day trip.

The register from the Cosmopolitan Hotel and other historic items are currently on display at the Yosemite Museum. See page 5 for details.



The Curry pastry shop - David and Jenny Curry made certain that early Camp Curry visitors never went hungry! Unique menus, including pastries made on site in this pastry shop, were created each day.

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's future

Enhancing the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You, too, can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read below to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



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The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation

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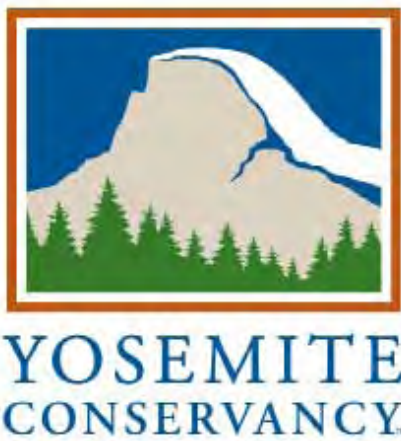
U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure. For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit www.YosemitePark.com.



Yosemite Institute

Since 1971, thousands of school-age children have benefited from learning in “nature’s classroom” through the residential field-science programs offered by Yosemite Institute (YI). A YI experience strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world—

whether it is in Yosemite, on a city street or in our own backyards. YI also offers professional development for teachers, summer youth programs, backpacking adventures, community outreach programs and service learning projects. For more information, visit www.naturebridge.org/yi.



Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the new nonprofit formed by a merger of the Yosemite Association and The Yosemite Fund. The Conservancy has a long history in Yosemite with over 100 years of combined experience supporting the park. Yosemite Conservancy can make the difference you see around you because we are the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to Yosemite.

Our mission remains the same: Providing for Yosemite's future is our passion. We inspire people to support projects and programs that preserve and protect Yosemite National Park's resources and enrich the visitor experience.

The Yosemite Conservancy has funded over 300 projects through \$55 million in grants to help preserve and protect the park. The work of the Conservancy can be found in every aspect of the visitor experience from trail restoration, bear-proof lockers and canisters, habitat restoration, outdoor education and so much more. Annually the Yosemite Conservancy recruits over 400 volunteers to work in the park to repair trails, remove invasive species, and provide visitor information.

For more information, visit park bookstores or online at yosemiteconservancy.org

Want to get involved?

Yosemite National Park is busy planning for the future. Sign up for our mailing list and receive emails about current and upcoming plans and projects on our website:

<http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/planning.htm>

Above right: Half Dome. Photo: Christine White Loberg